

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

#### **Listing of Claims:**

**Claims 1-238 (canceled).**

**Claim 239 (currently amended):** A method of on-line recruitment of individuals who want to volunteer with a recruitment service provider for ongoing consideration as potential candidates for participating as research subjects in any of a plurality of clinical trials that register with a recruitment service provider, the method being carried out by means of a server operated by the recruitment service provider, the server being configured to communicate with a plurality of end-user computer terminals via a network, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a participation agreement for display on one of the plurality of end-user computer terminals that is accessible to one of the individuals, the participation agreement soliciting consent from the individual to be considered on an ongoing basis for selection as a potential candidate for participating as a research subject in any of the plurality of clinical trials;

receiving a signal from the one end-user computer terminal indicating the individual's consent to the participation agreement;

providing a health survey form, for display on the one end-user computer terminal, and soliciting contact information and at least one of personal and medical information for the individual from which the individual may be evaluated as a potential candidate for any of the plurality of clinical trials;

receiving information transmitted by the individual via the one of the plurality of end-user computer terminals, the information containing the contact information and at least one of the relevant personal and medical information; [[and]]

storing the individual's contact information and the at least one of the individual's personal and medical information in a database, thereby registering the individual for consideration as a candidate for participating as a research subject in any of the plurality of clinical trials, ~~wherein registration of the individual precedes registration of one or more of the plurality of clinical trials;~~

transmitting the stored information to a service provider computer in communication with the server;

receiving an information access request by said recruitment service provider at the computer in communication with the server, said information access request including electronic data to authenticate the identify of said recruitment service provider;

authenticating the identity of said recruitment service provider;

providing access to the individual's retrieved information to said recruitment service provider at the computer of recruitment service provider; and

selecting the individual as a potential candidate for one of the plurality of registered clinical trials.

**Claim 240 (previously presented):** The method of claim 239, wherein the participation agreement is a click-wrap agreement.

**Claim 241 (previously presented):** The method of claim 239, wherein the health survey form solicits the identification of one or more medical conditions of the individual relevant to one or more of the plurality of clinical trials.

**Claim 242 (canceled).**

**Claim 243 (previously presented):** The method of claim 239, wherein the network comprises one or more of the Internet, the World Wide Web, an intranet, a local area network, a wide area network and a wireless communications network.

**Claim 244 (currently amended):** The method of claim 239, further comprising the step of:

~~the server~~ transmitting registration information for display on a second end-user computer terminal, said registration information soliciting information for registering a clinical researcher ~~[[administering]]~~ with said recruitment service provider to participate in one or more of the plurality of registered clinical trials.

**Claim 245 (currently amended):** A method by which individuals ~~an individual~~ may register as volunteers ~~a volunteer~~ to be considered on an ongoing basis for selection as ~~[[a]]~~ potential candidates ~~candidate~~ for participating as ~~[[a]]~~ research subjects ~~subject~~ in any of a plurality of clinical trials that register with a recruitment service provider, and by which at least one of the individuals ~~individual~~ may subsequently opt out of the registration, the method being carried out by

means of a server operated by [[a]] the recruitment service provider, the server being configured to communicate with a plurality of end-user computer terminals via a network, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a participation agreement for display on ~~one~~ of the plurality of end-user computer terminals accessible to the individuals ~~individual~~, the participation agreement soliciting consent from each ~~[[the]]~~ individual to be considered on an ongoing basis for selection as a potential candidate for participating as a research subject in any of the plurality of clinical trials;

receiving signals ~~a signal~~ transmitted by each individual from a respective one of the ~~[[one]]~~ end-user computer terminals ~~terminal~~ indicating the individual's consent to the participation agreement;

providing a health survey form for display on the respective ~~one~~ end-user computer terminals ~~terminal~~, the health survey form soliciting from each respective individual contact information by which the individual may be contacted, and at least one of the individual's personal and medical information from which the individual may be evaluated as a potential candidate for any of the plurality of clinical trials;

receiving first information supplied by each ~~[[the]]~~ individual via the individual's respective ~~[[one]]~~ end-user computer terminal, the first information containing the individual's contact information, personally-identifying information of the individual and the at least one of the individual's personal and medical information;

storing ~~[[the]]~~ each individual's contact information, the personally-identifying information of the individual and the at least one of the individual's personal and medical information in a

database, thereby registering the individual for ongoing consideration as a potential candidate for participating as a research subject in any of the plurality of clinical trials, ~~wherein the individual's ongoing consideration comprises consideration for any clinical trial that is registered with the recruitment service provider after the individual is registered;~~

for at least one of the individuals, receiving second information supplied by the at least one individual via the one end-user computer terminal or another one of the plurality of end-user computer terminals, the second information including the personally-identifying information of the at least one individual and information indicating a request by the at least one individual to withdraw the registration; [[and]]

~~the server storing the personally-identifying information of the at least one individual and information indicating the at least one individual's request to withdraw the registration in the database;~~

transmitting the stored information to a service provider computer in communication with the server;

receiving an information access request by said recruitment service provider at the computer in communication with the server, said information access request including electronic data to authenticate the identify of said recruitment service provider;

authenticating the identity of said recruitment service provider;

providing access to the information to the recruitment service provider at the computer of recruitment service provider; and

selecting another one of the individuals other than the withdrawing individual as a potential candidate for one of the plurality of registered clinical trials.

**Claim 246 (previously presented):** The method of claim 245, wherein the personally-identifying information includes a name of the individual in combination with a second personal identifier of the individual.

**Claim 247 (previously presented):** The method of claim 246, wherein the second personal identifier is a date of birth of the individual.

**Claims 248 - 253 (canceled).**

**Claim 254 (new):** The method of claim 245, wherein both the first information and the second information of the at least one withdrawing individual are retrieved from the database in response to the request, further comprising the steps of.

determining that the personally-identifying information of the second information matches the personally-identifying information of the first information; and  
withdrawing the registration of the individual.

**Claim 255 (new):** The method of claim 245, wherein the network comprises one or more of the Internet, the World Wide Web, an intranet, a local area network, a wide area network and a wireless communications network.

**Claim 256 (new):** The method of claim 245, wherein the participation agreement is a click-wrap agreement.

**Claim 257 (new):** The method of claim 239, wherein the participation agreement signifies consent by the individual to release the contact information to a representative of any one or more of the plurality of clinical trials that may be registered with a recruitment service provider.

**Claim 258 (new):** The method of claim 245, wherein the participation agreement signifies consent by each respective individual to release the contact information of the individual to a representative of any one or more of the plurality of clinical trials that may be registered with a recruitment service provider.

**Claim 259 (new):** The method of claim 245, wherein the health survey form solicits identification of one or more medical conditions of each respective individual relevant to one or more of the plurality of clinical trials that may be registered with a recruitment service provider.

**Claim 260 (new):** The method of claim 245, further comprising the step of:

transmitting registration information for display on a second end-user computer terminal, said registration information soliciting information for e step of a clinical researcher with said recruitment service provider to participate in one or more of the plurality of clinical trials.

**Claim 261 (new):** The method of claim 239, wherein the individual is registered before at least one of the plurality of clinical trials is registered.

**Claim 262 (new):** The method of claim 245, wherein at least one of the individual is registered before at least one of the plurality of clinical trials is registered.